

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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No. S. B. D. 5422(C) 16
S. I. Special Branch 2 Station 16
Date May 28, 1940.

REPORT

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Subject Central European Jews - Article in North-China Daily News dated

May 24, 1940

Made by D. S. Pitts Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

With reference to the attached cutting that appeared in the columns of the North-China Daily News of May 24, 1940, Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffin, editor of this paper, declines to reveal the name of the person who signed the letter in question. The contents of the letter are fundamentally correct but do not reflect in any manner at all upon this office.

In connection with this letter, I attach herewith an anonymous communication addressed to me and received at Police Headquarters on May 27, 1940. I am unable to shed any light as to the identity of the writer.

D. S. Pitts

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D. C. (Special Branch).

DATE 28/5/40

Jewish Refugees: Difficult to Reach Shanghai

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Relatives of European Jewish refugees can travel via Siberia to Shanghai, if the Entry Permit is issued by the Japanese authorities, e.g. in such a case the Consulate of Manchoukuo will grant the necessary visa.

To obtain an entry permit for Hongkew is more or less impossible—my own application for my wife and my boy has been filed since November, 1939, without myself having received the slightest notification as to its possible success—while the S.M.C. issues permits on a most lenient scale, with the regrettable drawback however, that the validity for same is for four months only and a prolongation rather difficult to obtain.

A short while ago the fact was published that with an entry permit of the S.M.C. it would be possible to travel via Siberia as well, as arrangements have been made between the Daljew Hicem and the respective governments, so that also those relatives, who are in possession of an S.M.C. permit could travel via Siberia and Manchoukuo.

Since May 19, cables are arriving from Europe, however, that this possibility is void again and that, unless the Japanese legislation is granted, the permits of the Municipality are of no use at all or one must be in the position to pay US\$300 approximately for the voyage to Shanghai by a steamer of the Lloyd Triestino. In such a case no regularization by the Japanese is required.

The experiences we Jewish Refugees had in Nazi Germany are well-known and I do appreciate it enormously that shelter has been given to us. But why, for heavens sake, is it made so difficult for even our nearest relations to join us? Why is a way opened today and closed again after a short while? Is this a new game, being tried on us? How long can our nerves stand such teasing? Where is the possibility to overcome this difficulty and who can help me to get my family out of Germany, before the Nazis have starved them to death?

ONE PERSONALLY CONCERNED,
Shanghai, May 22.

*D S. P. L. S.
Jun 24
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Dear Sir,-

Please to read this advertisement and think about it!

The saddest joke ever seen is Your attitude in the case of permits, where is the so called "gentlement-behaviour" of the British? Fixing the running time of a granted permit on 4 month You know very well that the unfortunate possessor of such a permit can't leave his country on visa difficulties. Why the French Police is granting permits without any timelimit??? Now the British Empire is in a terrific war and all our wishes are the same like Yours to destroy this bloody Nazi government, to build up again freedom and humanity! But on You, Sir, it isn't quite clear, what You are calling humanity? Give the permits like the French Police without timelimit or in reasonable terms or stop it finally! But how You are dealing in granting and refusing with the exact knowledge what happens to these peoples that is only double-cross! Think it over: in Europe a British Refugee need something similar and has to deal with a attitude like Yours!! If You can, please to enjoy Yourself on this idea!

Another Refugee,
being father from a family,
still living in Nazi- Germany!

LETTERS TO

Correspondence for this column should be sent to the
China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund,
marked "Letter."

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S.P. No. G. STRY
No. S. B. D. 5422(C)-10
J. A. B. Headquarters, 40
Date May 30, 1940.

REPORT

Subject Central European Refugees.

Made by and Forwarded by D.I. M. Umemoto

In connection with the attached report concerning a visit paid by D.P.S. Yonezawa of this office to Mr. Kann on May 24, 1940, D.P.S. Yonezawa states that, having been requested by the Japanese Gendarmerie Headquarters to verify a report published in the local Chinese newspapers to the effect that 3,000 Jewish refugees were coming to Shanghai shortly, without thinking any trouble ^{would} ~~will~~ arise out of his visit he called at the office of the Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai, Embankment Building.

Here he was told by a foreigner that Mr. Kann would be able to give such information and was given a letter of introduction addressed to Mr. Kann.

Mr. Kann was interviewed during the afternoon of that date and it was learned from him that the report was incorrect.

As D.P.S. Yonezawa's visit was simply for the purpose of verifying the report published in the newspapers he did not forward any report on the subject.

Attention of the staff of this office will be called that in future whenever a request is made by the Japanese Authorities assistance should be given with the approval of the D.C. (J.A.B.).

D. I. M. Umemoto
D. I.

D. C. (J.A.B.).

C. P.
D.C. ()
Forwarded
K. K. G. G.
D.C. (J.A.B.)
Deputy Commissioner (J.A.B.)
30 MAY 1940
POLICE

DC (Sp/Br)

SHANGHAI
30 MAY 1940
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Section 1,

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. B. D. 5422(C)-10

No. S. B. D. 5422(C)-10

Special Branch 6616h, 40

Date May 25, 1940.

Subject Central European Refugees.

Made by D.S. Pitts

Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

During a visit paid to this office by

Mr. E. Kann during the afternoon of May 24 for the purpose of exchanging information on refugee matters, Mr. Kann stated that D.S. Yonezawa of the Special Political office of the Police had visited him at 2.40 p.m. May 24 for the purpose of securing certain statistics and information relating to the local Jewish refugee problem.

Mr. Kann was under the impression that the detective was attached to the Special Branch and assisted him ^{as} much as possible and then referred him to the I.C. Committee (Komor) for further details.

In view of the fact that the Special Branch has an office solely dealing with Jewish refugee matters, it is respectfully suggested that if it is essential for the Special Political office to gather information relating to refugees, matters would be considerably facilitated by application to the D.C. (Special Branch).

DC (J.A.B.)

Please see Mr. Yonezawa's report
on 24. Why are you
D.C. (Special Branch)
interested in Jew Report?
May 7 see - copy of
report D.S. Yonezawa has
prepared as well as the one
know why he was put on this work.

Jo. Picco.



Commissioner of Police

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Section 1, Special Branch *5422*
Section 39
REPORT

Date August 9, 1939.

Subject Central European Jews - applicants congregating on the sixth floor.

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

With a view to regulating the stream of Central European Jews attending daily at the six floor to see D.S. Pitts and the continual difficulty of explanation when the officer is not there, enquiries were made by the undersigned from P. A. to D.C.(Crime) regarding the use of the Lecture Room on the 2nd floor, twice weekly, where there would be no reason for congestion in the corridor and minimum of inconvenience to other members of the staff. The P.A. to D.C. (Crime) was agreeable to this suggestion and D.S. Pitts has arranged with Mr. Komor of the I. C. Relief Fund to issue a notice for exhibition at his office notifying those people that Room 207, Police Headquarters, will be used from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Fridays ONLY for their reception.

A rough draft of the notice that it is proposed to place in a prominent position on the ground floor of Police Headquarters is attached hereto.

D.S. Pitts will interview all refugees until he proceeds on short leave on August 16, when, it is suggested, D.S.I. Wittinsky take over this work, the Boarding House Section being situated next to the Lecture Room.

C. Crawford
D. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Bekanntmachung

Emigranten
können im 2^{ten} Stock, Raum 207,
Headquarters
nur Dienstag u. Freitag
von 9-12 vorsprechen.